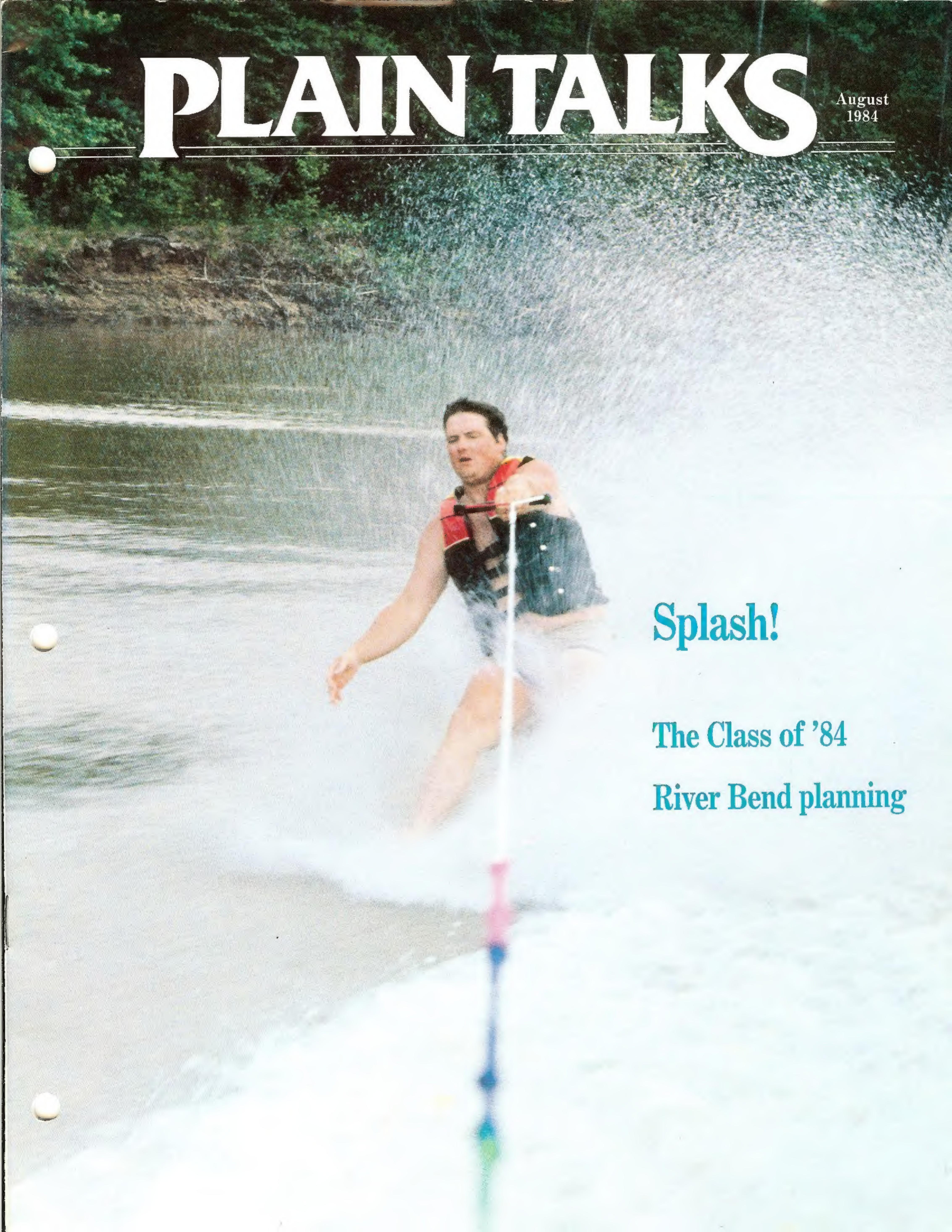


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Splash!

The Class of '84
River Bend planning

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THE COVER

Skiing is Robert L. "Bobby" Nantz's favorite way to cool off under the southeast Texas sun.

Nantz, an engineering helper at the Beaumont Service Center, says he has skied since he was 6 years old. Now 27, Nantz slaloms, barefoot skis, jumps from a ski ramp and rides a hydro-slide.

Les Jones, a *Plain Talks* correspondent and Nantz's co-worker, caught the cover shot of Nantz as he skied barefoot.

Read about how other Gulf States employees relax in the sun in the article beginning on page 8.

James A. Stelly
Gulf States Utilities
Orange, Texas

Dear Mr. Stelly:

I want to express my appreciation to you and Gulf States for the prompt and helpful service rendered to Orange County on Monday, May 14, 1984.

The valuable service rendered in prompt repair of the transformer during the day and later that night allowed the citizens of Orange County to be serviced in an efficient manner.

Thanks again.

Yours truly,
Morris Collier
Commissioner
Precinct No. 2

Floyd Doughty
Gulf States Utilities
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mr. Doughty:

This letter is to commend one of your employees, Mr. Henry Green. I worked with him this past week getting electricity to my tent so we could begin a revival meeting. What an asset Gulf States has in Mr. Green.

I was very impressed with him, as he went out of his way to get us ready in time for the first meeting. There were deadlines involved I could not have met without the tremendous extra effort he put forth in my behalf. It is employees with attitudes like Henry Green who make you realize what a contribution Gulf States makes to our community.

Once again, thank you from myself and all the members of our congregation for your help through this outstanding employee. We greatly appreciate his extra efforts to serve us.

Sincerely,
Rev. Carl Delatte
Associate Pastor
Bethany Baptist Church

Editor's note: Henry Green is a service foreman in Baton Rouge.

James E. Moss
Gulf States Utilities
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mr. Moss:

I wish to thank Gulf States Utilities and especially Mr. Kyle E. Todd, division engineer of Gulf States Utilities, for his most cooperative effort in drastically reducing the power failures and power outages which we had been experiencing for many years. Mr. Todd applied his thorough knowledge of the electrical system with his engineering skills to re-establish reliable electrical service to our neighborhood and took a personal interest in our problem. His handling of the project and his personal relations effort were excellent.

I wish to thank Gulf States Utilities and Mr. Todd and his staff on behalf of our entire neighborhood.

Very truly yours,
Lawrence G. Cliver

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River Bend's emergency plan to aid communities lacking disaster plans

by Susan Gilley

With River Bend Station less than a year from completion, company officials are putting the final touches on the emergency

plan for the nuclear-powered generating plant.

While it is highly unlikely the plan will ever actually be needed, Gulf States wants to develop the "very best emergency plan possible," emphasizes Jim Booker, manager-engineering,

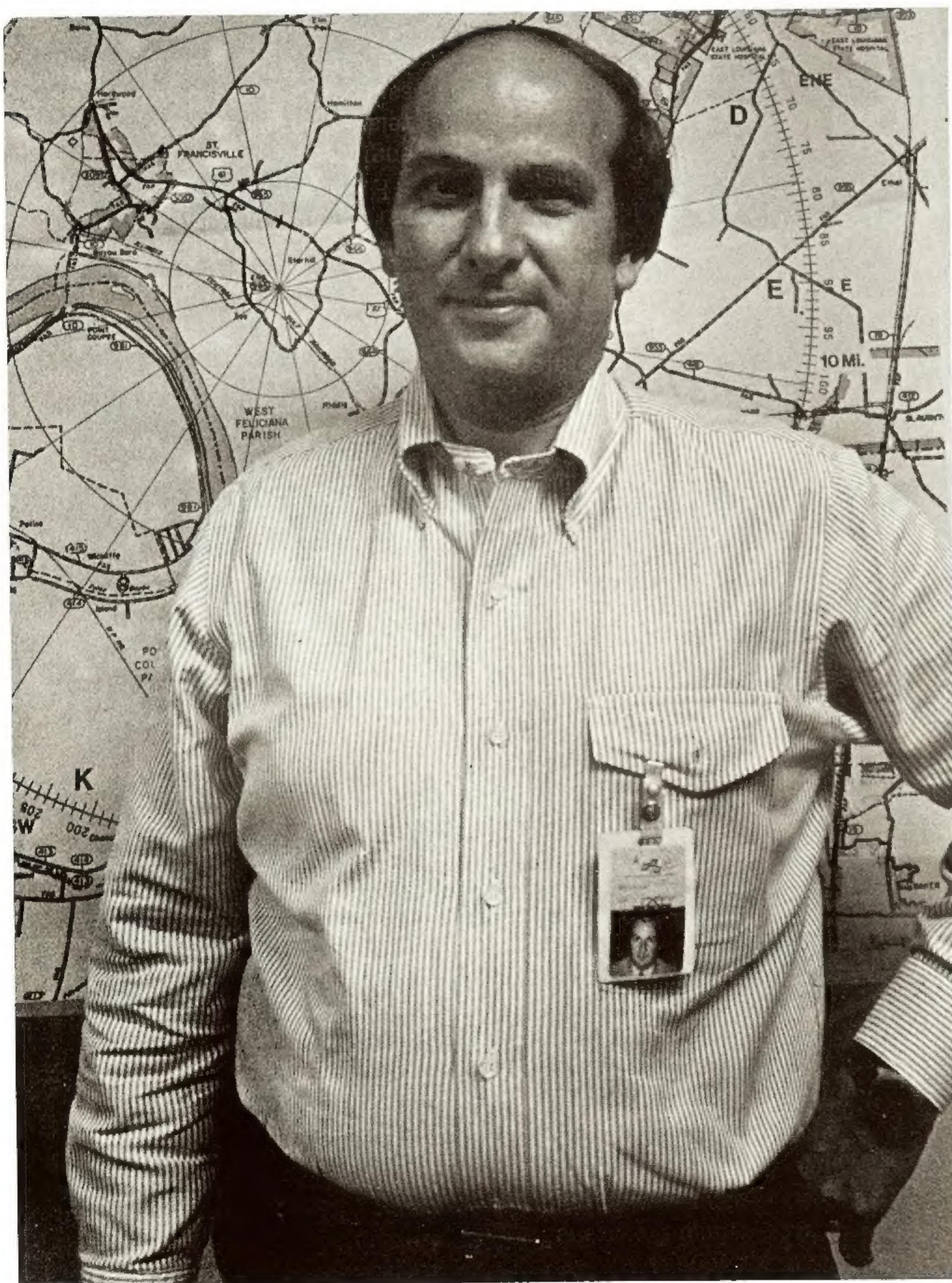
nuclear fuels and licensing.

The most important part of the emergency plan deals with a 10-mile radius of River Bend — the part that falls within the NRC's "Plume Exposure Pathway Emergency Planning Zone". Within that zone lie parts of West Feliciana, East Feliciana, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee parishes, as well as 22,500 residents and 13,500 transients.

John Cadwallader, River Bend's supervisor-emergency planning, echoes Booker's judgment that the plan will probably never be utilized for a nuclear emergency, especially so far as an evacuation is concerned. Nevertheless, warning systems, communications systems and back-ups to each must be established within the 10-mile radius. Since four of the five parishes are largely rural, in most cases GSU is providing the area's only emergency planning system. Because of that, company officials are attempting to ensure that the GSU system can also be used for natural disasters and other non-River Bend-related emergencies that might affect those areas.

Emergency planning is a complex process involving agreement among federal, state and local government agencies regarding the River Bend plan. Cadwallader says he believes the key to a successful emergency planning effort for a nuclear plant is to ensure that information is transmitted from those who have it to those who need it. That concept evolved from the lessons learned from 1979's Three Mile Island incident.

There are four classifications of emergencies for a nuclear plant. The first — notification of an



John Cadwallader, supervisor-emergency planning, says it is highly unlikely River Bend's emergency plan will ever be needed for a nuclear mishap. Even so, the "very best plan possible" is being developed for the facility.

unusual event — could be something as simple as a wastebasket fire, Cadwallader explains. The succeeding classes of emergencies are an alert, a site-area emergency and a general emergency.

The first two classes are designed to provide early and prompt notification to off-site authorities of minor events which might lead to more serious consequences. The other two classes, site-area and general emergency, reflect conditions where some releases are possible.

Trained, capable people, both on- and off-site, will make the whole set-up work. Training of about 1,200 non-GSUers from various government, rescue and civil defense agencies will begin in August. Meanwhile, GSU personnel are now undergoing training.

On July 16, Region IV of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) began a pre-operation inspection, which includes reviewing schedules and checking

how GSU employees are trained for an emergency. River Bend is only the second plant to come under the pre-operation inspection requirement, which is another regulatory response to Three Mile Island. The inspectors will return on a monthly basis.

All of the planning, training and equipping will culminate Jan. 16, 1985, in a full-scale drill involving on-site and off-site emergency preparedness personnel, medical personnel, transportation providers and the media. The timing is important, insists Cadwallader, since fuel loading for River Bend is scheduled for April 1985.

The January drill will help test the skills and equipment needed for a real emergency. Months before that takes place, however, GSU expects to pass another milestone. That will be receiving comments from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the River Bend site-specific attachment to the State

of Louisiana Peacetime Radiological Response Plan.

GSU's emergency planning efforts are enhanced by the contributions made by Gen. Robert H. Barrow, who is a consultant to the company on the off-site emergency plan and the security programs at the plant. Gen. Barrow's experience in the management of large numbers of people under changing and unpredictable circumstances is directly applicable to emergency planning. He retired in 1983 as commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, ending a 41-year career with the Marines. Gen. Barrow is also a member of the GSU board of directors.

Although no one in the company expects to need River Bend's emergency plan, the emergency planning effort will pay off for the surrounding communities, which can utilize aspects of the plan for other emergencies.

Company, union sign new two-year contract

At approximately 2 p.m., Saturday, June 30, a new two-year labor agreement was signed between Gulf States Utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (I.B.E.W.) Local 2286.

The agreement culminated negotiations between the company and union negotiating committees, which began on April 23. Tentative agreement on the new contract was reached the evening of June 23, with the union negotiating committee agreeing to a full committee recommendation. The agreement was ratified by union membership in meetings held throughout the GSU service area during the week of June 25.

Major contract changes include:

Wages

- A 4-percent increase for each year of the contract.

Life Insurance

- The first \$20,000 of life insurance coverage paid by the company. Previously the company paid the first \$10,000.
- Life insurance of two times an employee's annual base wage up to \$100,000. The previous cap was \$50,000.

Vacations

- Three weeks after seven years instead of three weeks after eight years.
- Four weeks after 16 years instead of four weeks after 17 years.
- Five weeks after 25 years instead of five weeks after 26 years.

Per Diem

- Effective June 24, 1984, changed from \$34/day to \$38/day.
- Effective June 23, 1985,

changed from \$38/day to \$40/day.

Additional changes involve shift differential, tool allowance, job titles, computer operator progression, district sub-station operator wage rate adjustment, River Bend master rates, regular shifts for some job classifications at River Bend, clarification of existing language and others.

The company negotiating committee was comprised of Allan Baker-chairman, Jim Braswell, George Cannon, Jim Deddens, Rose Grisham, Calvin Jaetzold, Bobby Joe Willis and Delbert Zimmerly. Those on the union negotiating committee were George Crawford-chairman, Dale Arbour, Kathy Bourgeois, Michael Cormier, Deryl Hart, James Ochoa, Terry Ross, Kenny Shaver and Nancy Thibodaux.

Nelson Gas & Oil

Maintenance gets priority

Story and photos
by Mike Rodgers

While Nelson Gas & Oil and Nelson Coal are quite different operations, they share a common distinction. They are the only plants in the Gulf States system located adjacent to each other. Nelson Gas & Oil is the senior of the two, feeding electricity to customers since 1959.

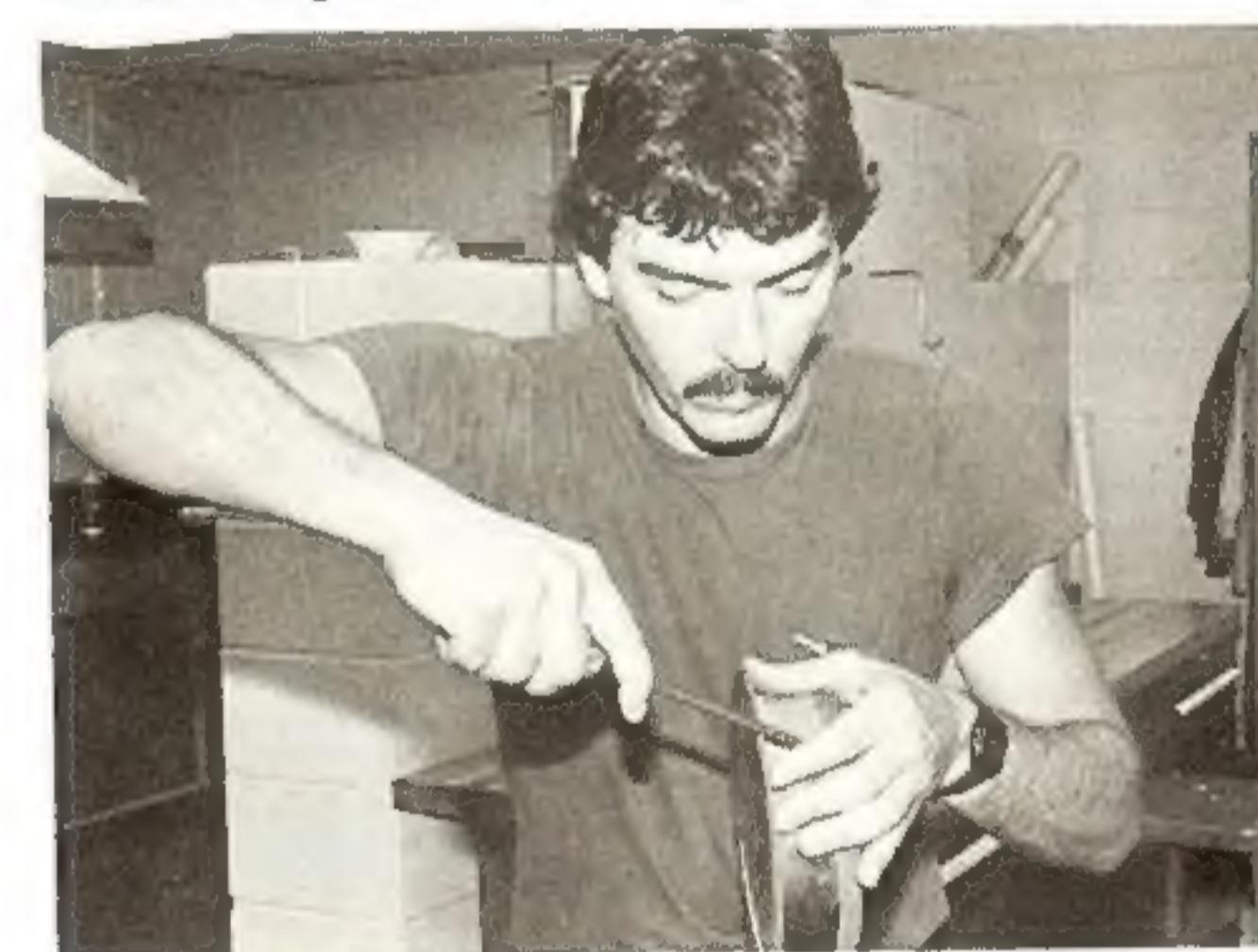
Plant superintendent Clifford Chambers was promoted from operations supervisor last January and is a 42-year veteran with GSU. Chambers puts a high priority on maintenance. "We're not running all five units simultaneously," he says, "but we must keep them available to operate at peak efficiency when they are needed." Since only two units are currently needed, the units are operated in rotation to keep them in top working order. "Boilers and boiler parts get constant attention so they will not deteriorate. It is a bigger challenge to keep units in good condition when not running than it is to run them full time," says Chambers. Equipment left idle can corrode unless it is properly maintained. In the future, the plant may turn to cycling — reducing the load at night when it is not needed and increasing it in the daytime to meet the need. When the Exxon natural gas contract expires, Chambers

expects a greater demand on his plant. "Fuel costs in Louisiana are higher than in Texas. We're buying gas on the spot market at current prices. When the Exxon contract is over, our fuel costs will be similar to those in Texas," he says.

Chambers compliments his employees for keeping Nelson Gas & Oil a clean, well-kept place to work and is very proud of the plant safety record. "We won the President's Safety Award in 1981 and 1982," he points out, "and are working to win it again this year."



Robert Lowrey, repairman-1st class, installs a quick-disconnect fitting.



Eddie Oliver, test technician-1st class, calibrates a gauge with a dead-weight tester.



Raymus Bushnell, repairman-2nd class, Michael Matte, repairman-1st class and George McCarthy, repairman-1st class, (from left) rig a recycle pump for lifting.

NEWS BRIEFS

Employees earn safety awards

Employees at three GSU power plants and two divisions have been cited by the Edison Electric Institute for their outstanding safety records.

Employees at Naches, Sabine and Willow Glen stations and the Baton Rouge and Lake Charles divisions received the EEI safety achievement awards, reports Mike Durham, manager-occupational health and safety.

The awards recognize employees at those work locations which attain 1 million or more safe man-hours. "These employees have worked at least that long without suffering any work-related injury or illness that resulted in one or more days away from work," explains Durham. According to Durham,

at press time, the power plants were continuing their records.

At Naches Station, an average of 114 employees were recognized for having earned 1,061,568 safe work-hours from May 17, 1979, to Jan. 31, 1984. An average of 222 Sabine Station employees attained 1 million safe work-hours from Dec. 27, 1981, to Jan. 3, 1984. Willow Glen Station employees (an average of 226) earned 1,015,870 safe work-hours from Oct. 26, 1981, to Jan. 31, 1984.

In the Baton Rouge Division, an average of 826 employees worked 1,552,155 safe work-hours from Aug. 6, 1982, to July 25, 1983. An average of 467 employees in the Lake Charles Division logged 1,061,491 safe work-hours from Nov. 11, 1982, to Dec. 27, 1983.



Naches Station: (From left) Executive Vice President Joe Bondurant, Thomas J. Broussard, Marion Hinch, Bill Hale, Larry Holland, Joy Finch and Patsy LeBlanc.



Baton Rouge Division: (From left) Joe Bondurant, J.R. "Bob" Tate, Doug Hebert, Jacqueline Roberson and Elie Picou.



Willow Glen Station: (From left) Joe Bondurant, Stan Wright, Sam Richardson, Mark Jeansonne and Richard Goudeau.



Lake Charles Division: (Front left) Joe Bondurant, Elcie Guillory, Olan Richard and Shirley Robinson.



Baton Rouge Division: In Gonzales (front, from left), Kenny Braud and Chris Joubert; (top) Roger Forte, Wallace Aultman, Lawrence Jackson, Rex Dunn and Hugh Raven.



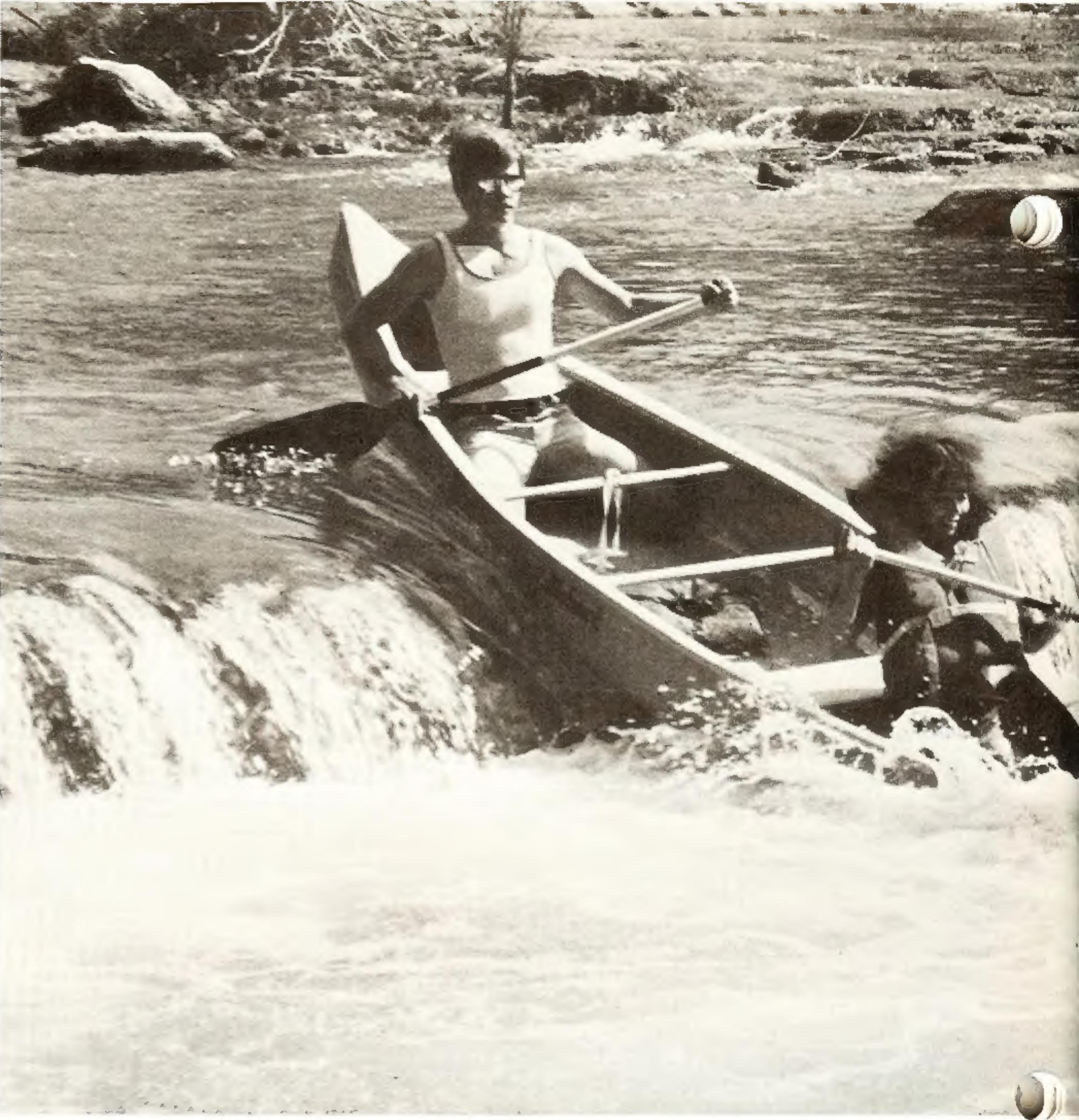
Lake Charles Division: In Lafayette, (from left), President Norman Lee, Thomas L. Broussard, Joseph Stelly, Thomas D. Smoak, E.B. Henry, Vioris Olivier and Carlton Simpson.



Sabine Station: (From left) Dave Palmer, Steve Sartin, Al Clark, Wesley Harris, Joe Bondurant and Joe Domino.



Jerry Vick, materials coordinator in Conroe, shows off a 5-pound, 12-ounce black bass he caught at Lewis Creek.



Gerald and Jolene Nelson canoe on the Guadalupe River.



LeNelle and A.R. Juban share a love for bass fishing, often participating in fishing tournaments.



Bob and Joan Middlebrooks Lundholm gear up to dive off the boat "Fantasea" near Destin, Fla. Both Lundholms work for GSU — Bob as a civil structural engineer and Joan as an administrative secretary.



Harley Erickson surveys the water from his sailboat.

GSU kids (from left): Jessica Elliott, Casey Elliott, Travis Engler, Tessa Engler and Adam Gautreau.

Splash!

by Susan Gilley

Water may be necessary for survival, but a lot of Gulf Staters depend on it as a source of recreation and relaxation, too.

Since the GSU service area has an abundance of waterways, employees enjoy such leisure activities as swimming, sailing, boating, fishing, skiing, scuba diving and canoeing.

In Baton Rouge, LeNelle Juban likes the slow pace of bass fishing, a hobby that she says demands "concentration and a lot of patience." Juban shares her passion for the big catch with her husband, A.R. The coordinator-consumer accounts is proud to say she once caught a 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ -pound bass at Toledo Bend, as well as the biggest trash fish in a 1983 GSU fishing rodeo — a 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ -pound alligator gar.

The pace picks up for Gerald Nelson, a senior engineering assistant at Sabine Station. An avid canoeist, Nelson prefers the white waters of the Guadalupe River. There, he and his wife, Jolene, have become quite adept

at maneuvering the small crafts. "The trick," he reveals, "is to sit in the middle of the boat when you get into a big waterfall. That way, you lower the center of gravity."

Nelson also participates in the annual raft races on the Neches River in Beaumont. Competing in the category for four men or less on a single-hull raft, he and his three brothers won 1st place in 1983, 2nd place in 1982 and 3rd place in 1981. The brothers, who build their rafts, did not participate this year.

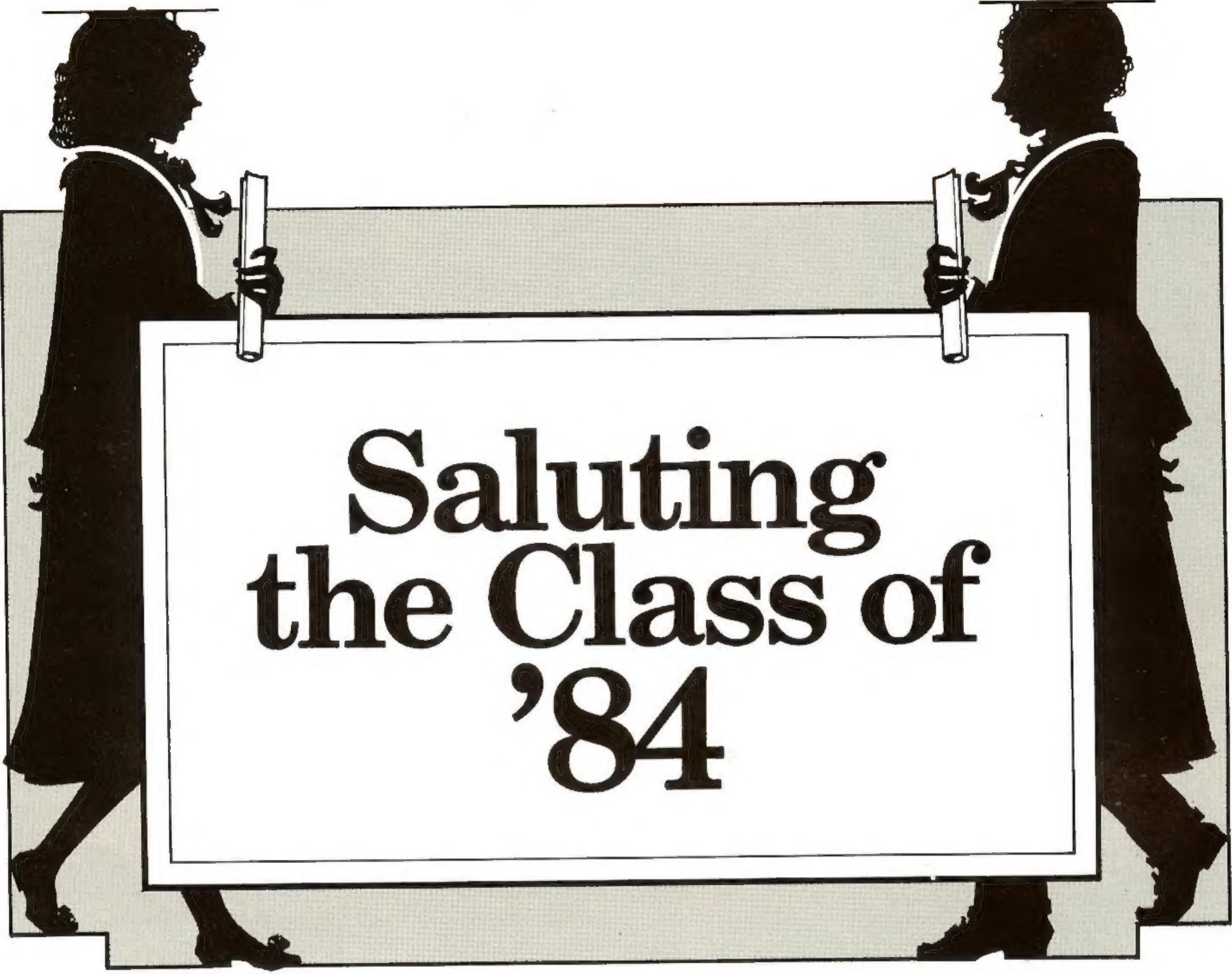
Harley F. Erickson, coordinator-engineering projects in Conroe, relaxes on his 25-foot Venture sailboat on Lake Conroe. He and his wife, Vera, have sailed for 11 years.

Joan Lundholm, administrative secretary at River Bend, reports that her favorite water sport is scuba diving.

In Gonzales, several employees' children enjoy fishing as much as their elders. The children of Donnie Elliott, serviceman-1st class; Floyd Engler, serviceman-1st class, and Charlotte Gautreau, local office clerk, tried their luck in a May 12 fishing rodeo.

Bobby Nantz, an avid skier, probably best sums up why people enjoy water sports. "You can have a good time out in the sun, while cooling off," says the Beaumont engineering helper.





Saluting the Class of '84



James D. Aldridge
Monsignor Kelly High School
Son of Jim Aldridge
Human Resources
Beaumont



S. David Baker
Bridge City High School
Son of John J. Baker
Plant Production
Sabine Station



Michael W. Barker
Port Neches-Groves High School
Son of Carol H. Turner
Payroll Dept.
Beaumont



Troy Barton
Dayton High School
Son of Edward Barton
Electric T&D
Dayton



Rhonda Renay Beam
DeQuincy High School
Daughter of Brenda Maddox
Plant Production
Nelson Coal



Stuart Nelson Burruss
Lumberton High School
Son of Lewis Burruss
River Bend Nuclear Group
Beaumont



Cristi Elizabeth Collins
Buna High School
Daughter of Gina Collins
Division Accounting
Silsbee



Mary Elizabeth Cryer
Parkview Baptist High School
Daughter of James E. Cryer
Nuclear Operations
River Bend

High school graduates



Darrell A. Evans
Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School
Son of Florence E. Evans
Payment Processing
Beaumont



Mary Foreman
LaGrange Senior High School
Daughter of Carol Foreman
Internal Audits
Lake Charles



Sherry Sue Fortenberry
Monsignor Kelly High School
Daughter of Floyd Fortenberry
Engineering
Port Arthur



Mark J. Gavora
Tom C. Clark High School
Son of Betty S. Gavora
Human Resources
Beaumont



James Gregory Glazar
Westbrook Senior High School
Son of James M. Glazar
Nuclear Plant Engineering
Beaumont



Darryl Graham
Bridge City High School
Son of Pat Graham
Legal Services
Beaumont



Craig Green
Washington-Marion Magnet High School
Son of Frederick Green
Plant Production
Nelson Gas & Oil



Ricky Green
Westbrook Senior High School
Son of Richard "Skippy" Green
Accounting Services
Beaumont



Brian Gremillion
Central High School
Son of Ralph Gremillion
Plant Production
Willow Glen



Patti Lynn Haarmeyer
Conroe High School
Daughter of Roy Haarmeyer
Electric T&D
Conroe



Annette Harmon
Hardin-Jefferson High School
Daughter of Isiah Harmon
Electric T&D
Beaumont



Jennifer Holbrook
Huntsville High School
VOE Student
Huntsville



Jude Hollier
Broadmoor High School
Son of Mitchell Hollier
Plant Production
Willow Glen



Roger P. Holsomback II
Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School
Son of Juliette "Cha-Cha" Holsomback
Division Accounting
Orange



Jeffery Laird
Westbrook Senior High School
Son of Sandra Conn
General Services
Beaumont



Melanie Landry
Lacassine High School
Daughter of Chester Landry
Electric T&D
Lake Charles



Estelle LeBlanc
Sunshine High School
CE student
Willow Glen



Jonel Leigh
Westbrook Senior High School
Daughter of Pearl Leigh
Office Services
Beaumont



Laura Matte
Church Point High School
Daughter of Cynthia D. Matte
Division Accounting
Church Point



Brenda K. Matthews
West Orange-Stark High School
VOE student
Orange

High school graduates



Vincent McCoy
Elton High School
Son of Donivan McCoy
Electric T&D
Elton



Debbie McCullough
Glen Oaks High School
Daughter of Kenneth E. McCullough
Plant Production
Willow Glen



Jeffrey Bryan Miller
Washington-Marion Magnet High School
Son of Lafayette Miller
Plant Production
Nelson Gas & Oil



Jeffrey Wayne Mire
Central High School
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Electric T&D
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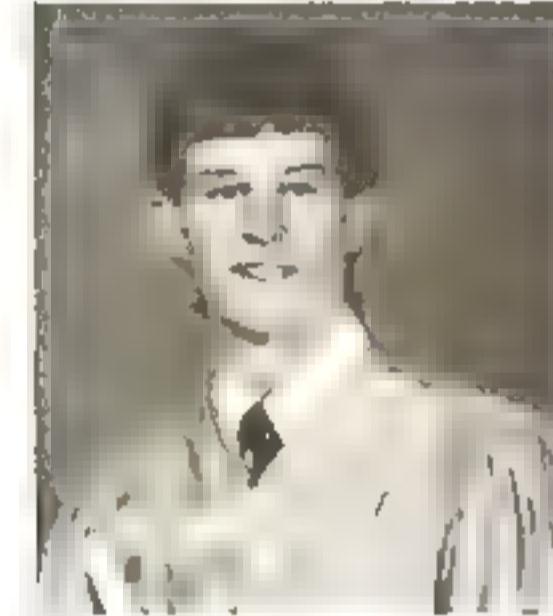
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Sabine Station



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Daughter of Clyde Nugent
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Beaumont-Charlton-Pollard High School
Son of Pauline R. Phillips
Human Resources
Beaumont



Kevin R. Russell
Nederland High School
Son of Gene W. Russell
Human Resources
Beaumont



Darlene Louise Schatzle
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Plant Production
Nelson Gas & Oil



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Dayton High School
Daughter of Leonard R. Shipman
Electric T&D
Dayton



Suzanne Sparks
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Daughter of Sidney J. Sparks Jr
Division Accounting
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Plant Production
Nelson Gas & Oil



College graduates



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Lamar University
Daughter of Jim Booker
River Bend Nuclear Group
Beaumont



Patrick Bradley
Lamar University
Son of Victor H. Bradley Jr.
Plant Production
Neches Station



Don Milam Brady
Texas Tech University
Grandson of Tullie Brady
Retiree
Clinton, La.



Michael Vaughn Brady
University of California
Grandson of Tullie Brady
Retiree
Clinton, La.



Patric Vane Brady
University of California
Grandson of Tullie Brady
Retiree
Clinton, La.



Shawn Kevin Brady
Nicholls State University
Grandson of Tullie Brady
Retiree
Clinton, La.



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Son of Sharon Englade
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Electric T&D
Elton



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South Texas College of Law
Wife of Joe Penner
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Beaumont



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Southwest Texas State University
Daughter of Ross Reed
Electric T&D
New Caney



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University of Texas Medical School
Daughter of Dr. Melvin S. Cole
Power Supply
Beaumont



Lee Tynes
University of Southwestern Louisiana
Son of Lannis Tynes
Engineering Design
Beaumont



Terry Waggoner
Texas A&M University
Son of Alene Cole
Division Accounting
Woodville

SERVICE AWARDS

40
years



Roy E. Cowart
Electric T&D
Beaumont

30
years



Frances
Engelbrecht
Human Resources
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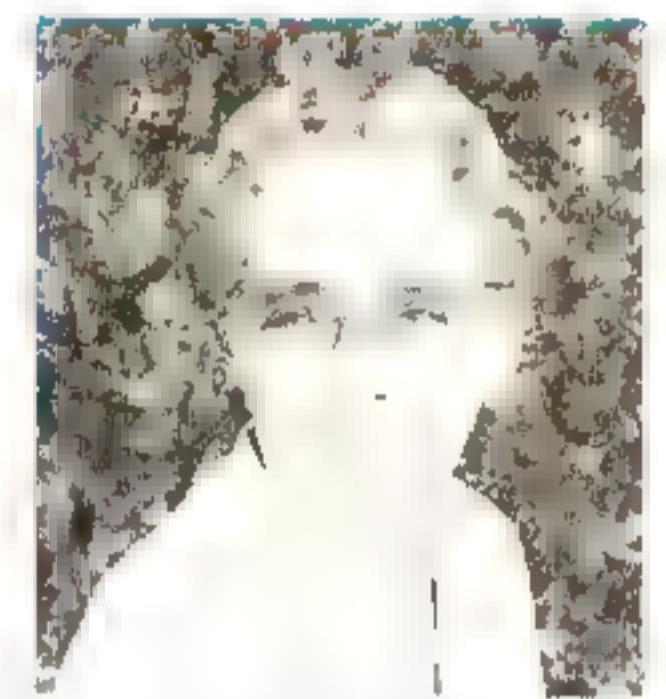
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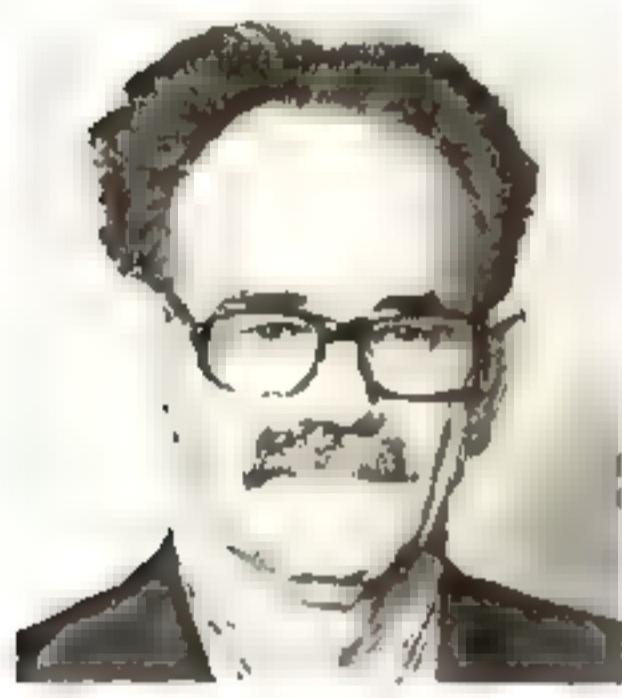
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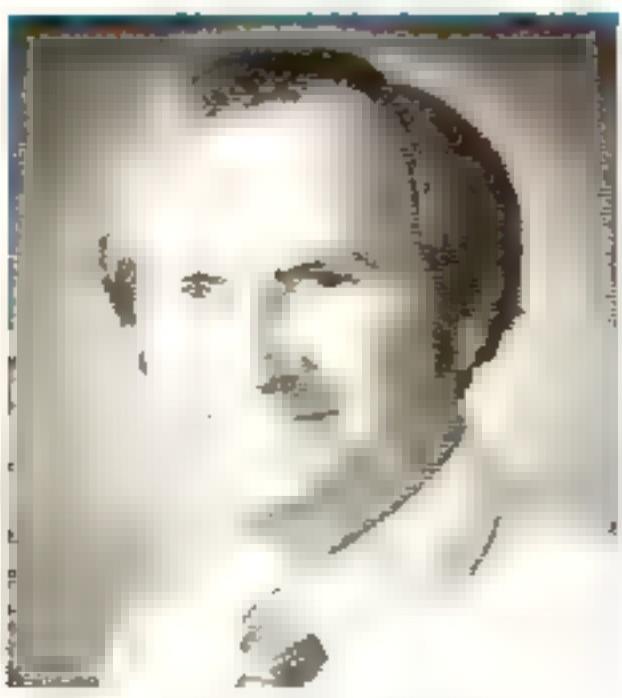
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Electric T&D
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20
years



Raymond Snow
Electric T&D
Conroe

10
years



Horace E. Brown
Accounting Services
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Sandra H. Drawhorn
Plant Production
Sabine Station



Mary P. Smith
Electric T&D
Baton Rouge



Joyce G. Viltz
Accounting Services
Beaumont



Harrell Wise
Power Supply
Beaumont



Bass tourney winners: (standing from left) George Thompson, John Price, Mic Cowart, Philip Martin, Keith Hendon, Royce Best and Randy Hickman; (kneeling from left) Jim Price, Mickey Wilson and Jerry Cessna.

Ten win trophies during tournament

Eight GSU employees brought home trophies from the Live Wires Bass Tournament at Lowe's Creek near Toledo Bend May 5.

According to Sandra Rogers, two other winners — Keith Hendon and Jerry Cessna — were non-employees, although Cessna formerly worked for Gulf States.

The winning employees and their work locations are Mickey Wilson of Edison Plaza, who caught the biggest bass; George Thompson, Silsbee; John Price, Edison Plaza; Mic Cowart, Edison Plaza; Philip Martin, Woodville; Royce Best, Woodville; Randy Hickman, Edison Plaza; and Jim Price, Choctaw Gas Dept.



Bob Norwood

Office plants Christmas tree

Employees at the Northern District office in Zachary really stretched the money in their Christmas tree budget. They bought a live tree and planted it after the holiday season as a special landscaping touch, reports Myra Ponthier.

Bob Norwood, meter reader, transplanted the evergreen, which was reported to be thriving.



Angela Ardell Eaglin

Seth Hunter McAllen

Reid announces baby grandson

Little Seth Hunter McAllen was born in Baton Rouge March 23, making him the first grandchild of Robert and LaRue Reid.

The proud grandfather, who has been with GSU 35 years, is a unit supervisor at Willow Glen Station.

Parents of the little boy are Ronnie and Tara Reid McAllen, also of Baton Rouge.



Girl dances in 1st recital

Mandy Raye Bourgeois, 4, danced in her first recital June 3 at the LSU Union Theater.

The little girl, whose mom, Sharon Bourgeois, is a customer contact clerk at Essen Lane, attends Poweel-Moise Dance School.

The little dancers were featured in numbers reflecting the theme of the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans.



Philip Marquette, daughters Barbara (front) and Karen and wife Dorsey.

Co-workers honor Philip Marquette

Western District employees of the Baton Rouge Division honored Philip Marquette with a surprise party as he neared his June 1 retirement.

Held at the new service center in Port Allen, the party was a barbecue chicken dinner. Guests brought brown paper bags filled with junk food, in honor of Marquette's reputation as "a junk food junkie." They also pooled contributions to present Marquette with a \$100 bill.

Marquette was senior district service representative.



Aaron Ardoine makes appearance

Aaron Murphy Ardoine made his appearance Feb. 28, weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

The little boy's mother is Brenda Murphy Ardoine, a clerk in Lake Charles Division Accounting. His father is Melvin Ardoine.

Sisters enjoy winning weekend

The two daughters of Joe and Sheila Soileau were winners the weekend of May 19, reports their mom, a confidential records clerk at Nelson Coal.

Alisha Kay Soileau, 4, was crowned Tiny Miss Westlake and Photogenic Queen during the Mr. and Miss Westlake Pageant May 19. The following day, she was named first runner-up and overall Photogenic Queen during the Western Heights Elementary School Little Miss Westlake



Alisha Kay Soileau

Pageant. She will represent the town in the Miss Calcasieu Parish Pageant in October.

Meanwhile, Alisha's 10-month-old sister, Kari Nell Soileau, was named first runner-up and Photogenic Queen in her category in the Mr. and Miss Westlake Pageant.



Valerie McGehee Wilson at bridal shower.

Wilsons wed in Asphodel

Valerie McGehee and David Wood Wilson were married April 7 at the Asphodel Plantation in Clinton, La.

The new Mrs. Wilson is a test technician-1st class at Willow Glen Station.

Shortly before the wedding, co-workers honored the bride-to-be with a wedding shower.

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Pre-schooler goes to college

Darla Navarro, 6-year-old niece of GSUers Juanita and John Holmes of Beaumont, spent her summer vacation at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette.

The little girl, who will begin first grade this fall, attended an academic enrichment program for kindergarten and first grade students entitled, "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe." According to Mrs. Holmes, the program focuses on active, imaginative math activities that engage children's minds and bodies in learning fundamental math concepts.

Mrs. Holmes, a personnel planning systems representative, and Holmes, senior financial analyst, report that their niece attends St. Joseph's Academy in Jeanerette, La., where she lives with her parents, Janet and Eldridge Navarro. Eldridge is Mrs. Holmes' brother.

Ross honored upon transfer

When Marcia Ross was transferred to Edison Plaza in March, her co-workers at Nelson Gas and Oil threw two going-away parties for the occasion.

Ross was promoted to accountant. Refreshments were provided

by Mrs. Myron Brown and Mrs. Henry Welch for a March 6 party. On March 8, a surprise party was held featuring balloons and a giant chocolate chip cookie. Ross received a cross-stitch book and supplies.



McKenzie earns speaking award

Sammie McKenzie, nuclear training coordinator-GET, recently became the first Gulf States' Toastmasters' member to earn an advanced communications and leadership certificate.

A 46-year GSU veteran, McKenzie earned the award by completing his 15th speech in his advanced Toastmaster manual.

McKenzie is assistant Area 12 governor and a member of both the GSU and Zac-Bak Toastmaster clubs.



Moore transfers to Conroe

Maribeth Moore, formerly a storekeeper in Orange, transferred to the same position in Conroe this spring.

The move enables her husband, Larry, to attend Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Co-workers in Orange honored Moore with a going-away party.



Child celebrates June birthday

Marshall Ryan Jean celebrated his 1st birthday June 6.

The youngster is the son of Gordon and Marcia Jean. His dad is operations supervisor at Nelson Coal.

ON THE MOVE

A

Adams, Samuel E., Beaumont, to staff EDP auditor, Internal Audits.

Anthony, Ted P., formerly of Beaumont, to senior mechanical engineer, River Bend Nuclear Group, River Bend Station.

Armand, Percy J., Baton Rouge, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

B

Beckes, Randy L., Baton Rouge, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Blackwell, Waide G., Willow Glen, to test technician-2nd class, Plant Production.

Blanda, Louis G., Beaumont, to staff accountant I, Power Supply.

Botley, Gayle W., Beaumont, to staff accountant I, Accounting Services.

Boyd, William D., Baton Rouge, to assistant general line supervisor, Electric T&D.

Britton, Joseph F., Beaumont, to senior cost engineering specialist, River Bend Nuclear Group.

Broussard, Dennis F., Willow Glen, to production engineer, Plant Production.

Broussard, Sedonia W., Neches Station, to turbine operator, Plant Production.

C

Cash, Robert G., Beaumont, to distribution standards engineer, System Engineering.

Chustz, Brian J., River Bend Station, to area coordinator, River Bend Nuclear Group.

Cleveland, Gwendelyn P., Cleveland, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

Colvin, Jocelyn J., Port Arthur, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

Cook, Janet S., Willow Glen, to staff accountant I, Plant Production.

D

Dalton, John M., Lewis Creek, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Daniel, Kevin R., Lake Charles, to substation mechanic-4th class, Electric T&D.

Davis, Lora R., Conroe, to meter reader supervisor, Division Accounting.

Delk, Dennis L., Beaumont, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Dreher, Michael A., Louisiana Station, to storekeeper, Plant Production.

Droddy, Thomas L., Port Arthur, to utility foreman, Electric T&D.

E

Elzie, George L., Lake Charles, to garage mechanic-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Enos, Mildred H., Sabine Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

F

Fontenot, Julius L., Nelson Coal, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.

Ford, James T., Sabine Station, to storekeeper, Plant Production.

Foreman, Terry R., Lafayette, to helper, Electric T&D.

Fuselier, Christine C., Beaumont, to tabulating machine operator, Computer Applications.

G

Gahn, Alfred H., Willow Glen, to production engineer, Plant Production.

Garrene, Marvin R. III, Baton Rouge, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Gauthier, Carol J., Lafayette, to substation mechanic-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Grossley, John E., Louisiana Station, to electrician-3rd class, Plant Production.

H

Hall, Ruth A., Beaumont, to financial analyst, Financial Services.

Hamm, Gene A., Beaumont, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Harris, Georgia F., Conroe, to energy auditor, Division Marketing & Consumer Services.

Hebert, Clark J., Willow Glen, to operation supervisor, Plant Production.

Helton, Timothy R., Conroe, to senior engineering assistant, Electric T&D.

Hernandez, Richard, Beaumont, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Hernandez, Terrance E., Willow Glen, to general maintenance supervisor, Plant Production.

Herring, David B., Beaumont, to corporate research analyst, Corporate Services.

Hickman, James R., Beaumont, to design engineer, System Engineering.

Hines, Charlie L., formerly of Conroe, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D, Cleveland.

Hodges, Kenneth C., River Bend, to supervisor-quality systems, River Bend Nuclear Group.

Holland, Larry G., formerly of Neches, to equipment operator, Plant Production, Nelson Coal.

Huval, Terry J., Lafayette, to assistant substation supervisor, Electric T&D.

J

Jiminez, Juan V., formerly of Neches, to fuel handling operator, Plant Production, Nelson Coal.

Johnson, Randy C., Sulphur, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Johnson, William Jr., Calvert, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

K

King, Gerald V., River Bend, to technical materials & plant services supervisor, River Bend Nuclear Group.

L

LeBeaux, Robert G., Sabine Station, to electrical maintenance foreman, Plant Production.

Lightfoot, Roy L. Jr., Beaumont, to truckdriver, Electric T&D.

Lockhart, Raymond L., Baton Rouge, to pipeman-2nd class, Gas Dept.

Looney, David G., River Bend, to nuclear control operator, Plant Production.

Lunn, Robert M., River Bend, to instrument control technician-2nd class/nuclear, Plant Production.

M

Maines, James D., Vidor, to assistant line supervisor, Electric T&D.

McNeal, Aaron, Lake Charles, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Merkel, Matthew C., River Bend, to staff accountant I, Accounting Services.

Miller, Louis J., Vidor, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Morgan, Robert M., formerly of Conroe, to coordinator-residential marketing, Marketing & Consumer Services, Beaumont.

Morris, Timothy L., Beaumont, to assistant secretary, Corporate Services.

N

Nauls, Theodore W., Neches Station, to turbine engineer, Plant Production.

Neib, Steven A., formerly of Neches Station, to control operations foreman, Sabine Station.

Nelson, Gerald E., Sabine Station, to senior engineering assistant, Plant Production.

Nolen, Thomas E., Lake Charles, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

P

Perroni, Louis, Beaumont, to staff accountant I, Accounting Services.

Phillips, Patrick K., Beaumont, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Pollis, Wayne A., Conroe, to senior engineering assistant, Electric T&D.

Pool, Elizabeth A., Beaumont, to computer operator, Computer Applications.

Provost, Douglas J., Lafayette, to inspector-contract crews, Electric T&D.

R

Raleigh, James L., Beaumont, to area planning engineer, System Engineering.

Rench, Cheryl D., Beaumont, to staff accountant I, Rates & Regulatory Affairs.

Ricard, Darryl W., Baton Rouge, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Rigmaiden, Kenneth W., Nelson Station, to electrician-1st class, Plant Production.

Rumery, Wayne E., Nelson Coal, to maintenance foreman, Plant Production.

S

Schittone, Joseph, Baton Rouge, to heavy equipment foreman, Plant Production.

Shaw, Stephen L., Conroe, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Sheehan, Colleen M., Willow Glen, to production engineer, Plant Production.

Spafford, Marvin J. Jr., Beaumont, to senior engineering assistant, System Operations.

Stagg, Deborah D., Beaumont, to associate systems analyst, Computer Applications.

Steger, Jerry K., Beaumont, to senior purchasing agent, Materials Management.

Stokes, Cynthia R., Huntsville, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Sullivan, Daniel D., Louisiana Station, to turbine engineer, Plant Production.

T

Thomas, Matthew W., formerly of Beaumont, to staff accountant I, T&D Operations, Conroe.

Thomason, Melinda S., Beaumont, to regulatory analyst-EDP, Rates & Regulatory Affairs.

Treadwell, Jerry S., River Bend, to electrician-1st class/nuclear, Plant Production.

V

Veatch, James T., Willow Glen, to supervisor-planning & administration, Plant Production.

Verrett, Clint A., Port Arthur, to lineman-1st class Electric T&D.

W

Walker, Calvin G., Beaumont, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Walling, Clinton W., River Bend, to quality assurance engineer, River Bend Nuclear Group.

Wallon, Kenneth R., Beaumont, to systems analyst, Computer Applications.

Walls, Michael W., River Bend, to nuclear control operator, Plant Production.

Walsh, Patrick J., Conroe, to relayman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Wheatley, Thomas E., River Bend, to supervisor-accounting services, Accounting Services.

Whitley, Larry, Louisiana Station, to turbine water plant operator, Plant Production.

Wilson, Michael C., Beaumont, to supervisor-gas & oil fuels, Fuels & Materials.

Sorrell relates success to childhood traits

by Susan Gilley

From early childhood on, Sheila Sorrell felt that she "always had to be a leader."

During her school years, she satisfied that yearning by serving as a home room officer. At Gulf States, she has been a union steward and held leadership positions with United Givers, Project CARE and the Adopt-a-School program.

Sorrell, 33, mentions one other personality trait that surfaced in early childhood. "I enjoy being part of a team," she says, attributing that attitude to having been "the youngest of two children."

That means she enjoys her job as a section head in Customer Accounting, where she supervises 23 employees. She says she believes that she would hate working as "a 'Girl Friday' anywhere."

Sorrell's first job was with a Baton Rouge department store, where she modeled and managed the junior sportswear department.

Eight years ago she came to GSU, working as a customer accounting clerk, relief clerk and PBX operator. Knowing firsthand how important employee input is to work methods, Sorrell attempts to give those who report to her "the opportunity to be people." She does so by encouraging them to "speak up" during weekly 30-minute training sessions to help the whole group do a better job.

During Sorrell's first few

months as a supervisor, she could not separate her work and home lives. Eventually, she realized that "I had to."

As the divorced mother of a teen-aged daughter and a 9-year-old son, Sorrell devotes her weekends "to running here and there with them." Now an active member of Parents Without Partners, she strives to "let the other members know that

being single is not the worst thing in the world."

On weekday evenings, Sorrell works out at her health club, finding that the best way to relieve tension.

The energetic woman is also pursuing a degree in public relations at Southern University.

Sorrell probably owes much of her success to her ability to fully commit herself to the activities she enjoys. For instance, she has temporarily suspended her participation in Toastmasters. "I'm pretty busy now. When I commit myself to anything, I like to be totally committed," she asserts.



Sorrell recalls that she "always had to be a leader."

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